

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Shotaro YAMAGUCHI et al.

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For: NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING
THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS
THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 13, line 5, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 13, line 11, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 13, line 24, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 14, line 2, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 14, line 7, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;
Page 14, line 9, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;
Page 14, line 22, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 43, line 12, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 43, line 17, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 44, line 10, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 44, line 13, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;
Page 44, line 18, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;
Page 44, line 20, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

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Page 47, line 11, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 47, line 13, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 47, line 15, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 47, line 17, please delete "SEQUENCE" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 47, line 18, please delete "NO. 5";

Page 47, line 22, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 47, line 23, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 48, line 1, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 48, line 25, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 68, line 5, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 1" and insert --SEQ ID NO:1--;

Page 68, line 12, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 2" and insert --SEQ ID NO:2--;

Page 68, line 13, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 1" and insert --SEQ ID NO:1--;

Page 68, line 16, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 2" and insert --SEQ ID NO:2--;

Page 69, line 1, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 3" and insert --SEQ ID NO:3--;

Page 69, line 4, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 4" and insert --SEQ ID NO:4--;

Page 71, line 15, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 71, line 16, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 71, line 16, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 71, line 17, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 1" and insert --SEQ ID NO:1--;

Page 71, line 18, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 2" and insert --SEQ ID NO:2--;

Page 72, line 1, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Page 72, line 13, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 72, line 26, please delete both occurrences of "SEQUENCE NO. 7" and in each instance insert --SEQ ID NO:7--;

Page 72, line 29, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 7" and insert --SEQ ID NO:7--;

Page 73, line 2, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Page 73, line 14, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 7" and insert --SEQ ID NO:7--;

Page 74, line 22, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 8" and insert --SEQ ID NO:8--;

Page 75, line 8, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 9" and insert --SEQ ID NO:9--;

Page 75, line 11, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 10" and insert --SEQ ID NO:10--;

Page 75, line 14, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 11" and insert --SEQ ID NO:11--;

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, line 3, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6 shown in" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Claim 4, line 4, please delete "the Sequence Listing";

Claim 5, line 2, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6 shown in" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Claim 5, line 3, please delete "the Sequence Listing";

Claim 8, line 6, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6 shown in the" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Claim 8, line 7, please delete "Sequence Listing";

Claim 8, line 9, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6 shown in the" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

Claim 8, line 10, please delete "Sequence Listing";

Claim 8, line 14, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5 shown in the Sequence Listing" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

Claim 8, line 16, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 5 shown in the Sequence Listing" and insert --SEQ ID NO:5--;

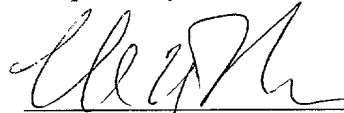
Claim 9, line 3, please delete "SEQUENCE NO. 6 shown in the Sequence Listing" and insert --SEQ ID NO:6--;

REMARKS

Each of the amendments to the specification and claims is being made to correct the nomenclature used to described Sequence Listings. No new matter is being introduced.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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